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New York, New York May 16, 2002

Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 2327 Washington, D.C. 22202

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the November 16, 2001 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the time for response to that Office Action for three months, from February 16, 2002 up to and including May 16, 2002, and have paid the requisite fee [37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a), 1.17(a)(3)].